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Newport News Man Sentenced to Life for Murder

(Newport News, VA) – Jamar Rashaad Hodge, age 27, of Newport News, Virginia, was sentenced today to life imprisonment for murder with a firearm in relation to drug trafficking and 360 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute cocaine base and cocaine. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after United States District Judge Henry Coke Morgan sentenced Hodge today.

Hodge pleaded guilty on March 8, 2006, to the murder of Domingo Davis in Newport News on January 8, 1998. The murder was in retaliation for a previous drug robbery. During the conspiracy, Hodge and others committed drug robberies in Newport News and Hampton, Virginia. In addition, Hodge purchased a vehicle with the proceeds from a drug robbery.

United States Attorney Rosenberg stated: "Due to the outstanding cooperation of the Newport News Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, we were able to convict a very dangerous criminal and send him to jail for the rest of his life. Newport News is a better place today thanks to their good work."

This large-scale investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Newport News Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Howard J. Zlotnick and Bob Brandenham prosecuted the case for the United States.

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